

MEDICARE AND MEDICAID ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD (EHR) INCENTIVE PROGRAM: OVERVIEW



The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 provides for incentive payments for Medicare and Medicaid eligible hospitals and eligible professionals that are meaningful users of certified electronic health record (EHR) technology. The EHR incentive programs are part of the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH) of 2009 which amended the Social Security Act.



Indian Health Service, Tribal and Urban Indian health programs (I/T/U) eligible hospitals and eligible health professionals can receive EHR incentive payments if they meet requirements of the Medicare and/or Medicaid EHR incentive programs starting in 2011. For Medicare, they need to provide data and demonstrate meaningful use of a certified EHR. For Medicaid, they need to adopt, implement and upgrade a certified EHR in their first participation year.

*** Eligible hospitals and eligible professionals must take steps to receive payments.*



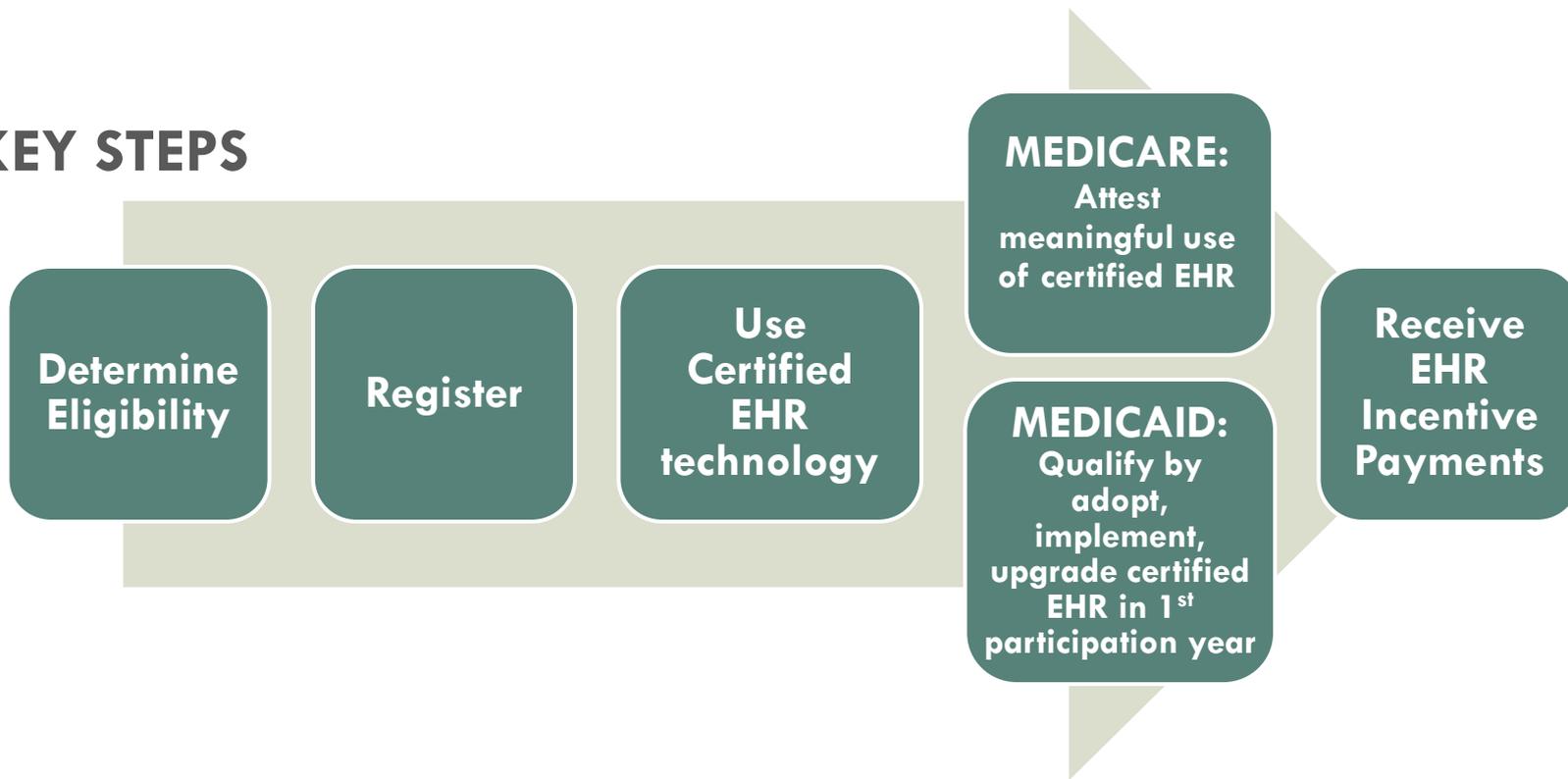
The Indian Health Service (IHS) Resource and Patient Management System (RPMS) recently successfully passed all tests required for certification as a complete EHR for ambulatory and inpatient use, based on criteria established by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology. I/T/Us that do not use RPMS must ensure their EHR is certified separately.



STEPS TO RECEIVE EHR INCENTIVE PAYMENTS

Indian Health Service, Tribal or Urban Indian Health Programs (I/T/U) eligible hospitals and eligible professionals can qualify for EHR incentive payments if they meet eligibility and other requirements of the Medicaid and/or Medicare EHR incentive programs.

KEY STEPS

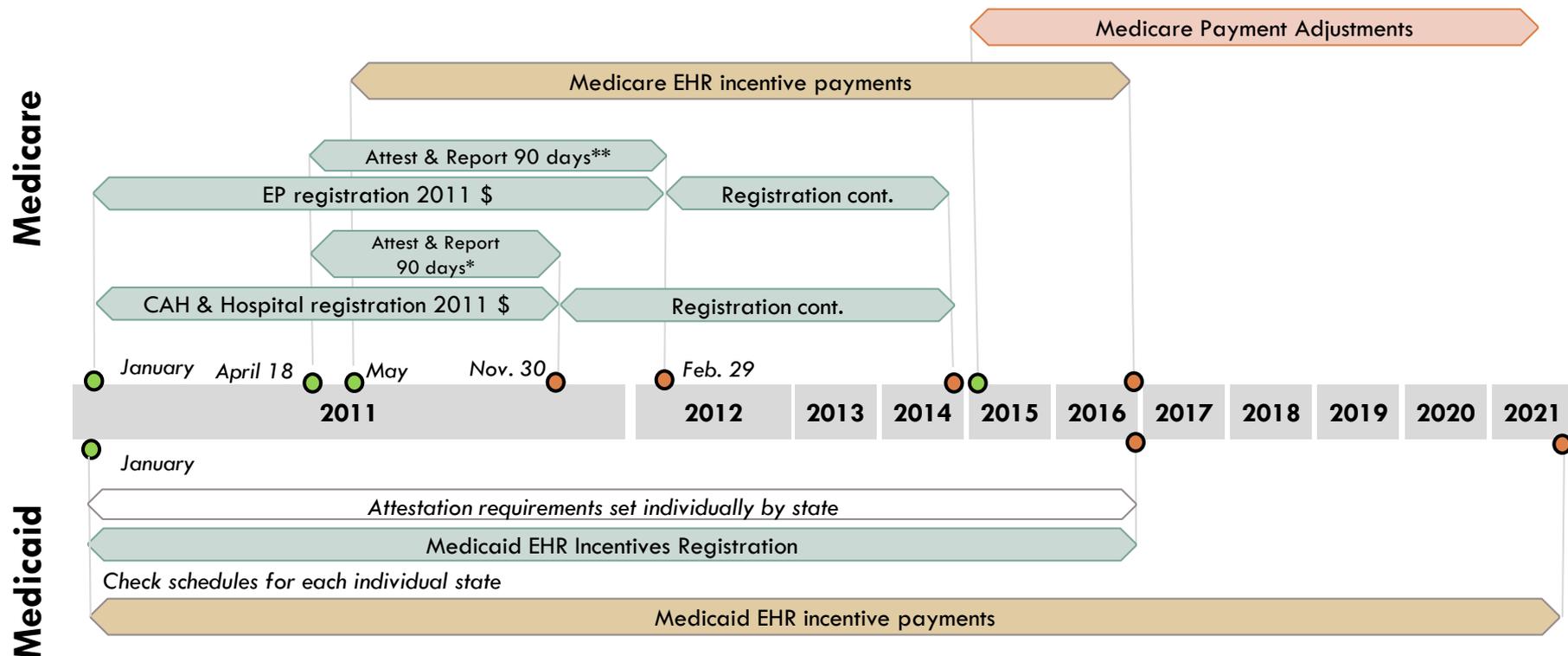


Detailed requirements and schedules for these steps differ for Medicare and Medicaid and for eligible hospitals and eligible professionals. Refer to the CMS EHR Incentive Programs website for details.



SCHEDULE DIFFERENCES

Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentives



Key 2011 dates

Medicare EHR Incentive Program

January 3, 2011 – Registration for the Medicare EHR Incentive Program begins.

April 18, 2011* – Attestation for the Medicare EHR Incentive Program begins for eligible hospitals and eligible professionals.

May 2011 – EHR Incentive Payments for Medicare expected to begin.

July 3, 2011* – Last day for hospitals to begin their 90-day reporting period to demonstrate meaningful use for the Medicare EHR Incentives.

October 1, 2011** – Last day for professionals to begin their 90-day reporting period for calendar year 2011 for the Medicare EHR Incentives.

November 30, 2011* – Last day for hospitals/CAHs to register and attest to receive a Medicare Incentive Payment for Federal fiscal year (FY) 2011.

February 29, 2012** – Last day for eligible professionals to register and attest to receive Medicare Incentive Payment for calendar year (CY) 2011.

Medicaid EHR Incentive Program

January 3, 2011 – For Medicaid providers, states may launch their programs if they so choose.

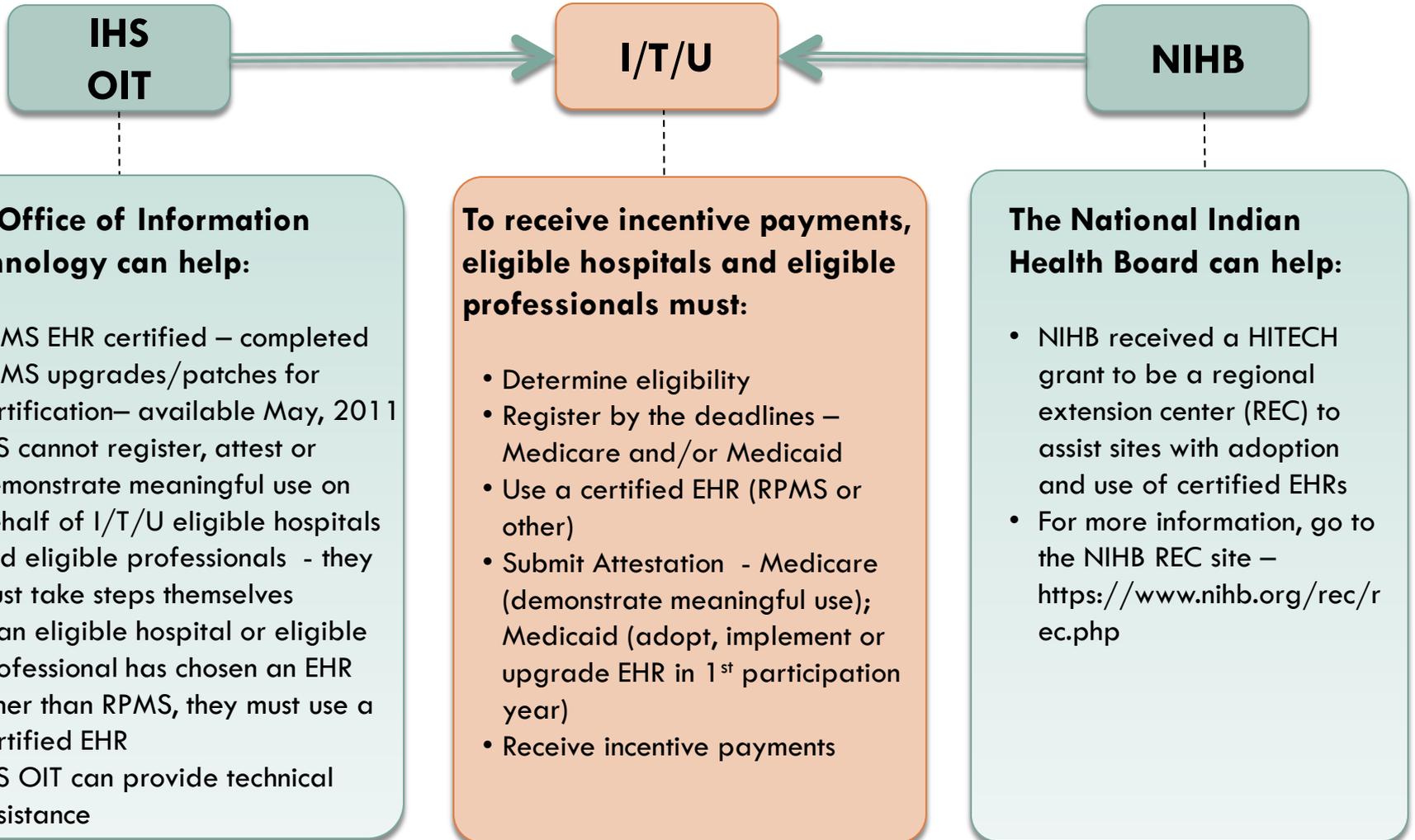
September 30, 2011* – Last day of the federal fiscal year. Reporting year ends for eligible hospitals and CAHs for Medicaid EHR Incentives.

December 31, 2011** – Reporting year ends for eligible professionals for Medicaid EHR Incentives.



KEY ROLES

To Help I/T/U Eligible Hospitals and Eligible Professionals Qualify for Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentives





OTHER HELPFUL SOURCES: EHR Incentive Program



<http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/>



<http://healthit.hhs.gov>



http://www.ihs.gov/recovery/index.cfm?module=dsp_arra_meaningful_use

<http://www.ihs.gov/cio/ehr/index.cfm>



<http://www.nihb.org/rec/rec.php>